







The Official Newsletter of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

TechFest 2023 http://www.techfest.info/

GARS January 14TH Exhibition of the Technical aspects of Amateur Radio and Beyond Held at the <u>Gwinnett County Fairgrounds</u>

When:

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Exhibitors: Set up 7:30am – 9:00am

Public: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Ham Exams: 9:00am – 11:00am Final Prize Drawing: 3:00pm

Where:

Gwinnett County Fairgrounds Expo Center Building 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Directions Link

GARS is providing this while keeping the cost FREE to all our attendees and exhibitors. We are even offering your first Exam for FREE. There will also be:

- free coffee all day
- free lunch
- with Hot Dogs & Chili
- General Admission
- Tons of Exhibits

- Excellent Forums
- Ham Radio Swag (free promotional items)
- Hourly Door Prizes
- Grand Prizes at the end





TechFest Exhibitors

Just some of the Exhibitors lined up to display:

- ARRL
- Alford Memorial RC
- Atlanta Radio Club
- Cherokee Capital Amateur Radio Society
- CWops Operators Club
- NFARL (Kit building)
- North Georgia GMRS Network
- SE DX Club DX'ing 101
- DMR (Digital Mobile Radio)
- D-STAR
- EAA 690 Aviation Youth Program
- Emergency Comms AREDN (Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network)
- Gwinnett ARES
- WINLINK

- FourLanders Contest Team, Inc.
- Fox Hunting / Direction Finding
- Geocaching
- Georgia AUXCOMM
- Ham Pi/HamPC
- Heavy Metal Restored Teletype
- POTA/SOTA (GA State Parks On-The-Air)
- SOTA
- Remotehams.com
- School Gwinnett Geekspace
- School McConnell Middle School Emergency Power (Solar)
- School Mini Rail Road Communications
- School Paul Duke Stem School
- ...and more

TechFest Forums

Time	Large Forum Room	Small Forum Room	
9:00am	Combined ARRL / ARES The Plan for 2023 David Benoist AG4ZR, Lee Stone KT4LS,	VE Tooting	
10:00am	Locating Power Line	VE Testing	
11:00am	and other RF Noise Jeff Stuparits W4DD 1.5 hours with 30 minutes of Q&A		
12:00pm	Around the World Amateur Radio Ballooning Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN & Jack McElroy, KM4ZIA	Georgia AUXCOMM John Davis WB4QDX	
1:00pm	Introduction to HamPi, HamPC and HamIQ Dave Slotter, W3DJS	Remote Operation of Amateur Radio Ray Bailey N4GYN	
2:00pm	Basic HF Wire Antennas for HOA- restricted neighborhoods Kevin Scott, K4GTR	History, Explanation, and Getting Started in POTA Claude Ray, AC4SH	

TechFest Raffle and Door Prize Items

The Raffle Prize drawing will be held at 3:00pm at the GARS table, immediately after all the Door Prizes have been given away. Raffle Prize tickets are separate from Door Prize tickets. Raffle Prize tickets must be purchased and will only be drawn for the Raffle Prizes. Raffle tickets not picked up, will be added to the drawing Barrel prior to drawing for the grand Prizes.

Door Prizes will only be drawn from the FREE Door Prize tickets, so be sure to get your FREE Hourly Door Prize ticket when you enter the TechFest venue.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20 and will be available for sale at the GARS table.

Get your raffle tickets at the GARS Table.

TECHFEST RAFFLE PRIZES			
ICOM IC-7300 – GRAND PRIZE	ICOM IC-7300		
PARADANradio Power Strip 4 Plus	Power Strip	TATE	
Buddy Pole DELUXE System Package	Buddy Pole Package		
ASUS BR1100 laptop ASUS BR1100 laptop	<u>LAPTOPS</u>		
Yaesu VX-3R HT	Yaesu VX-3R HT	wa l	
10 Meter Radio Shack HTX-10	HTX-10	20 Mater	
Yaesu FT-65 Dual Band HT	Yaesu FT-65 HT		

*** You MUST be present to win a <u>Door</u> Prize. Unclaimed Hourly <u>Door</u> Prizes will be redrawn at 2:30pm until a winner is found. ***

Door Prize Drawings start at 10:00am and continue every hour at the top of the hour until our final Door Prize at 3:00pm has been given away. At such time our Grand Door Prizes listed will be drawn for.

All attendees of TechFest should receive one **FREE** <u>Door</u> **Prize Ticket** upon entering TechFest and should not be confused with the <u>Raffle</u> Prize tickets that are available for purchase at the GARS table for the Grand Prizes.

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